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NONE

8. *Official or other recognition of accomplishment* - (Such as unit citations, commendations and awards; decorations and awards to individuals, and records or events believed to be "firsts" which may be fleet-wide or apply only within the unit. Give dates of awards and events; claims for "firsts" are meaningless without a date.)

NONE

9. *General resume of activity* - (Narrative statement of activity not otherwise covered, summarizing work, training, special cruises and visits, conversion, modification, overhaul, new equipment, and the like. Air Stations consider, in addition, such things as reorganization, new operational administrative and management procedures introduced; special programs initiated or completed, construction in progress, expansion of facilities, etc. Use additional sheets as necessary. Documents appended should be identified in Part VI, page 4.)

RANGER participated in no major exercises during the period reported, as the period from 1 October 1963 to 9 February 1964 was spent in yard overhaul at the San Francisco Naval Shipyard.

This period witnessed the most extensive overhaul of the ship since its commissioning. Some of the major areas of improvement are an extension of the angled portion of the flight deck, a new deck on the island structure, new arresting gear and jet blast deflectors, major overhaul of the engineering spaces (among them modifications to the evaporator system to increase fresh water production), and new radar equipment. Among the most notable of the internal changes aboard RANGER was the new Integrated Operational Intelligence Center. The purpose of the IOIC is to provide RANGER's operational commander with current tactical intelligence which would affect the ship's mission. Installed in the IOIC is several million dollars worth of data processing equipment designed to speed the analysis of intelligence collected from a variety of sources. The spaces are manned by technicians especially trained for the operations of highly specialized data processing and intelligence interpretation equipment.

Sea Trials were conducted on 25 and 26 January 1964 to test the effectiveness of the overhaul.

On 18 February RANGER departed Alameda for San Diego where she experienced four successful weeks of intensive, graded underway training under the command of Fleet Training Group. This training was for the purpose of raising RANGER's personnel and equipment to a basic state of readiness upon which to build for maximum readiness. Included during this time was a journalist cruise on the 23rd of March for 150 high school students.

USS RANGER (CVA-61)

1 OCT 1963 - 31 MAR 1964

1. GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION: Daily location positions not required. Note dates in and out of U.S. ports and general operating area in between as: Mediterranean, Caribbean, Hawaiian, West Pac, etc. For daily or frequent operations out of one port, use the term "Operating out of".

2. AIR UNITS ON BOARD OR TENDED (Omit component squadrons when an Air Group is on board.)

Aviation fuel consumed JP-5: 461,011 AVGAS: 90,645 GALS;

408 catapult launches

PART III - WINGS AND GROUPS: List units on board, including detachments; give dates when only part of report period is involved, otherwise use "entire" or "all".

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PART IV - SQUADRONS

1. TYPE A/C ASSIGNED		NUMBER ON HAND		DATE FIRST RECEIVED		

2. OPERATIONAL STATISTICS	MONTH	HOURS FLOWN	NO. OF FLIGHTS	MONTH	HOURS FLOWN	NO. OF FLIGHTS

PART V - AIR STATIONS: On board refers in this instance to what is physically present; not to be confused with Home Port assignment. Do not repeat units reported as on board in the previous period unless they departed in this period. For composite units such as Carrier Air Groups, record only the parent group.

1. UNITS ON BOARD		ARRIVED	DEPARTED

2. COMMANDS AND ACTIVITIES ON BOARD		ARRIVED	DEPARTED

PART VI - DOCUMENTARY MATERIAL APPENDED (Number serially and describe sufficiently to insure proper identification.)